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A double graduation

Father and daughter to participate in ceremony together

By Erica Smith
Staff Writer

Most children dread going to school with a sibling let alone a parent. But, in the case of Alex Ragan and her father Kevin that's just what they're doing and graduating from Tyler Junior College this semester together. And although some kids may be embarrassed having their parents at school with them, it turned out to be "pretty convenient for us both," Alex said.

"I started attending TJC in the spring of 2008 and Alex began in the fall of 2008. I wanted Alex to know that I would stay invisible," her dad Kevin said. "Early on I did most of my classes online. I didn't want Alex to feel as if I were looking over her shoulder. I am so proud of her."

Born in Cherry Point, NC Alex grew up with her father being in the military which required most of the time moving from place to place frequently.

"My dad was in the military for 20 years so we moved a lot when I was younger," she said.

Now that her father is out of the military, he made the decision to go back to school to receive a degree from TJC. Alex was already planning on attending TJC to be an Apache Belle. Her father received financial funding from the Marine Corps and decided to return to school since it was paid in full and he never got the chance when he

was younger because he joined the Corp at such a young age.

Although attending school together, they are not attending to receive the same degrees.

"My degree is going to be in English so I can become a teacher," Alex said.

"My degree is in history," Kevin said. "We learn quite a bit from our past."

Both father and daughter agreed that going to school together was actually pretty nice.

"If he needed help, I obviously would help him," Alex said. "I'd help him mostly in science since I'm a lab assistant and he helped me in government and history. It was also nice because we could warn each other on which teachers to take and who to not take."

Both of them plan on continuing school after graduation in May.

"I plan on attending SEA [Stephen F. Austin] in the fall," Alex said.

Mr. Ragan said that after graduation he will probably take the summer off and possibly the fall as well before enrolling either in the UT Tyler History Degree Program or the Letourneau (TEACH) program.

Growing up with a father or any parent in the military is rough because the family does not settle in one place necessarily and that parent is sometimes gone for months at a time. Luckily for Kevin, he said he was very fortunate to have

a wife who kept everything together while he was away.

"After I was married and had children it was really tough even if the period of time [away] was a short duration," he said.

"I remember when I was in 5th-7th

grade, my dad was transferred back to North Carolina and my parents decided it was best for us to stay in Lindale since we would have

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Courtesy Photos

DADDY AND DAUGHTER Alex Ragan and her father Kevin Ragan will be graduating from TJC this semester. Both are planning to continue with school after May.

Students break rules to have intercourse

By Irving Marmolejo
Staff writer

While in college, the probabilities of a more active sex life increase. Therefore, they try to merge this activity with school.

"Every student living on campus signs a contract agreeing to the school's rules; however, with 400 plus students we come across with some that break the policies," said Angela K. Nunez, director of Residential Life and Housing.

Last semester on Oct. 3, Officer Davis Harris was told by an unknown male that two people were engaged in sexual intercourse in a public place. Another officer arrived to the parking lot south of Ornelas A dormitory. Both officers approached and they could see two subjects fully illuminated by outdoor lighting engaged in what looked like sexual activity. Upon contact, the male and the female were separated and were allowed to get their clothing back on. They were escorted to the A dormitory to be identify and questioned. Both individuals were Tyler Junior College students and residents as well. One of the persons involved in the incident was also a resident advisor for Ornelas dormitory B. The female involved had some smell of alcohol on her breath and disciplinary actions were taken against both of them, according to police reports.

Seventy percent of college students have practiced sexual activity primarily as result of being under the influence of alcohol and admit they have had sex they wouldn't have if they had been sober, according to factsontap.com.

According to a TJC student, Vincent Sorensen, a couple of months ago around 3 or 4 in the afternoon in the parking lot next to Magnolia Street, he saw something rare in the car parked next to his vehicle. He saw two female legs touching the windshield. It was in that moment he realized two people were laying naked in the car and were involved in what he described as "making love." He was

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UNDERWEAR EXPOSED

Stores re-sell returned lingerie and bikinis

By Chantel Martin
Managing Editor

When shopping at her favorite department store, student Christina Latchette never stopped to wonder if the undergarments she paid for were used or not.

"I always shop at Victoria's Secret or Macys," she said. "I figured that I was the only one who wore that particular clothing."

On the Today Show: Filth Exposed, undercover reporters purchased underwear, lingerie and bikinis from mall department stores such as Victoria's Secret, Bloomingdales and the GAP. They then marked each tag of the garment with two black dots in order to confirm that it was the same underwear purchased. When they returned their garments, cameras showed store clerks retagging them at the register and then taking them back to the floor minutes later, even after they were purposely stained with baby oil. Each item was being resold as new.

"That's very disturbing," Latchette said. "I worked in retail at a smaller boutique called It's Fashions. We never let customers return used underwear."

Most department stores will not allow customers to try on any lingerie or underwear before purchasing it.

"Every store pretty much knows not to let anyone try on lingerie and things like that while at the store," Latchette said. "So I don't understand why they would accept the return of items that could have been worn at home."

In the investigation, a former worker of Victoria's Secret admitted that returned under garments might contain a certain odor if worn. However, workers were advised to hang it out to dry and resell it the next day. This would help the store to keep up with revenue.

However, the undercover reporters also in-

terviewed a microbiologist who stated that used underwear can contain certain bacteria and fungi. The best thing to do is to wash any clothing before you wear it.

"My mama always told me to wash anything I purchase before wearing it," Latchette said. "At first I thought it was because of all the people who touch clothes while browsing, but now I see it can get much worse."

Nikki Cole, who also worked in retail, admitted that her store accepted returned bathing suits.

"People would often come and return swimsuits, but only if the tag is still on them," she said. "If the tag isn't damaged, we assume that it wasn't worn. However, underwear is an entire different story."

Latchette said she is now attending school for fashion retail management.

"Hopefully I will become a manager of a store when I finish here," she said. "I will make sure that used underwear does not get sold to the public. Germs could be easily spread through that area and now I can make sure that the store I manage will follow the policy to not accept returned underwear."

The Today Show noted that the selling of used underwear is legal, however, all stores mentioned in the investigation said they would re-educate their employees on the company policies. For more information on this topic visit www.msnbc.msn.com.



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Gang violence

Gangs in Ciudad Juarez set this house on fire when the owner refused an extortion demand. Gang violence has led to closed businesses and extra Mexican federal police patrol. See the full story at tjcnewspaper.com.



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Washed away

Abela Markanzie, 13, looks down a hill to where people's personal items were swept away with the frequent rains at the Petionville Club, one of the largest tent camps for Haiti victims. See the full story at tjcnewspaper.com.



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column

Lessons learned can help everyone succeed

Sarah Hall
Editor in Chief

As summer and graduation approaches, I find it necessary to reflect on lessons learned during my time as editor in chief. I came into this position with the mindset that this would be easy, everyone would listen and it would all be a breeze. But boy was I wrong.

I have learned that as a leader, you must earn respect and respect others to be respected. Mind you, I'm a pretty respectful person, but we all screw up sometimes.

There have been people that I have met, and had to work with that deserve no sort of respect, and it was quite difficult to be the mature adult in the situation. I, of course, did not succeed every time, but I did try to learn from my mistakes.

A great lesson I have learned is that humility is sometimes the best way to go about

a problem. There are other people better than you and I at whatever we do. Always acknowledge them, know that they can help you succeed. Pride can destroy you and all you work for. Don't let it get in the way of your success.

"Humility leads to strength and not to weakness. It is the highest form of self-respect to admit mistakes and to make amends for them," said John J. McCloy assistant Secretary of State during WWII.

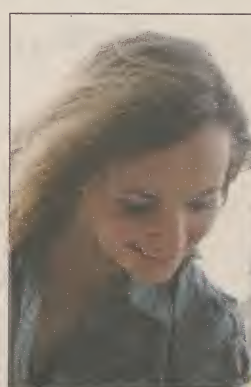
When you mess up, admit it and then fix it. Don't lay blame on someone else's shoulders. This will only cause bitterness and problems. Learn from your mistakes and move on, using the lesson you learned to better yourself.

Also, be openminded. See things from someone else's point of view. No, you don't always have to agree with the person, but don't disrespect them because your opinions don't match.

Tom Robbins, an American novelist, once

said to stay committed to your decisions, but stay flexible in your approach. Meaning, know what you have decided and why, but be openminded to how you approach things, because your way may not always be the best way.

I'm hoping that this bit of insight of what I have learned this semester will help you in your journey through the rest of your college days and throughout the remainder of your life. Remember to shoot for the stars, take chances and learn from everything that you possibly can.



VIEWpoint

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Letters to the Editor

On April 18, TJC student Molly Stanley was killed in a car accident while driving home from church in Lindale. This letter to her was sent to the newspaper and I felt it necessary to honor her memory and publish it for all to read.

Our Letter to Molly Stanley

No words can mend the broken hearted, nor ease the pain and sorrow we are all feeling from Molly Stanley's untimely passing. This tragic and sorrowful time may be for some The Darkest Hour, but we must smile, not cry, be cheerful, not mourn.

Today, we celebrate a passionate friend, sister, daughter, and dedicated mother, who shared and still shares a place in our aching hearts. We are all eternally grateful to have had the chance to know such a pure and caring person. It may seem hard to be of cheer in our time of sorrow, but from what we all have learned and know, Molly wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

You will be truly missed, from your classmates, teachers, and friends of Tyler Junior College. Look down Molly, from heaven upon us and know that you are truly loved.

Posted April 21, 2010
Response to I want the perfect body

"Great story Chantel! I'm proud of you being managing editor this semester. You're doing a great job, keep it up."

Posted April 23, 2010
Response to Gaming to the 'X'-treme

"I love buying brand new games when they first come out, that way you can brag to your friends."

editorial

Social Security: a benefit we'll never get

With the explosion of the Tea Bagger Movement, as HBO's host of "Real Time" Bill Maher referred to this misinformed anti-government group uprising, and Obama-care, you'd think one topic that the good'ole boys don't want to touch is Social security.

Why do we pay for a service that we, as young adults, will never benefit from? We pay into it for one of two reasons: the first is that by law we are obligated to pay; and the other is a few of us still have a little bit of hope in this government program that we too will be able to benefit from the money we have put into it our entire working lives.

According to SSA.gov, the official Web site for the Social Security Administration, to be eligible for benefits a person must be age 62 or older, disabled or blind; and "insured" by having enough work credits. Well, by the time most of us are 62 the program probably won't exist any more. One reason

for this big drain is that there are not enough people working to cover the cost of current beneficiaries and there are more people leaving the work force than going into it.

We are all paying weekly, bi-weekly or monthly - just depending on how you and your employer have it set up to receive a paycheck. Every time you receive a check there is a section that says Social Security tax withholding. The amount of money you make determines how much you are entitled to in the future.

The Social Security Administration measures work in "work credits." You can earn up to four work credits per year based on your annual earnings. The amount of earnings required for a work credit increases each year as general wage levels rise.

To be eligible for most types of benefits you must have earned an average of one work credit for each calendar year between age 21

and the year in which you reach age 62 or become disabled or blind. A minimum of six work credits is required, regardless of age.

To qualify for Social Security benefits based on a disability other than blindness, you must have worked long enough and recently enough under Social Security. The number of work credits you need for disability benefits depends on your age when you became disabled. You normally need 20 work credits earned in the last 10 years ending with the year you become disabled. However, younger workers may qualify with fewer credits.

When they say that younger workers may qualify with fewer credits, that's true in some ways. The average worker today earns double in less time than what the Baby Boomers made in minimum wages 40 to 50 years ago, so it's obvious that we will earn credits faster than our elder counterparts. And yet we are still the group of people that will be affected more

with the bankruptcy of Social Security than any other group. The Baby Boomers are currently collecting on our work, and then our children won't even know what Social Security is - so there's no hope for our generation to get back what we've put in.

According to Seniorliving.com this is due to a large drop in the worker-to-beneficiary ratio. In 1950, the worker-to-beneficiary ratio was 16-to-one. Currently the ratio is 3.3-to-one, and within 40 years it will be 2-to-1. At this rate of decline there will not be enough workers to pay scheduled benefits at current tax rates. Basically this means we have worked all of our lives and paid into a program that will have no benefit for us, or our children.

It's time for the government to stop worrying about lesser problems and address this one. And it's time for our generation to put the pressure on them to do it.

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Student says 'no' to drugs, 'yes' to new life

By Cheyenne Robinson
Staff Writer

Shonna started Tyler Junior College this spring and is celebrating four years of a new life.

In the past, she was always worried about getting high, but that has all changed. Now she is trying to receive a degree so she can help others who are in the same situation she was stuck in.

She had spent 10 years in her situation of fear, being hopeless, sometimes homeless and scared of the condition of her life.

Shonna never could stand rejection; she would do everything in her power to have others like her.

So, at the age of 15, she met a young boy from a similar home life, which resulted in a teen pregnancy. Then, a marriage for Shonna at the age of 16 and a baby named Lacey.

Shonna graduated from high school and then began attending college to be a legal secretary.

However, domestic violence from both of their childhoods began to enter their relationship. At age 21, Shonna had her son Matthew and tried to make her marriage work. She later left her husband and met another man shortly after.

"Meeting older men soon became a pattern in my life which resulted in one bad relationship after another," according to Shonna's written testimony about her life and drug addiction.

After her first marriage she fell in love with a 35-year-old man in Fort Worth. After knowing him for only a couple of months, she dropped everything to be with him and took her children to Fort Worth.

"Of course my world fell apart six weeks later when I came home from a job interview to find that he had beaten my 2-year-old son so severely that I had to have him arrested," according to Shonna's testimony.



Photo by Cheyenne Robinson

STARTING NEW Shonna now uses her mistakes to help others learn and steer clear of drugs and abuse.

She then began seeing Victor, 26, and it wasn't long before he became emotionally, verbally and physically abusive. She left him, but then found out she was pregnant with their son Nicholas. Victor

promised he would change. However, two days after their son was born Child Protective Services made him leave for hurting Shonna's son, Matthew.

He completed anger management classes and counseling but was still the same man. He started calling her a "fat pig." He told her no one would want her because she was fat and had three children.

"It was out of fear of rejection and of being alone that I turned to drugs at the age of 25," said Shonna.

All Shonna saw was that the Methamphetamine, Crystal Meth, made her friend lose weight. She did not see the consequences of 10 years of horrible addiction.

Methamphetamine is a white, odorless, bitter-tasting crystalline powder that easily dissolves in water or alcohol and is taken orally, intranasally (snorting the powder), by needle injection, or by smoking, according to www.nida.nih.gov.

Taking this drug even in small amounts can cause irregular heartbeat and increased blood pressure. Long-term effects include everything from dental problems to hallucinations.

In Shonna's case, she believed she could do it long enough to lose weight and then stop.

"That was a lie," said Shonna.

She did lose weight, but also lost the next 10 years of her life.

Shonna left her life with Victor for a man named Mike who sold the drug and started her on taking Crystal Meth through a syringe. It was not long after that he went to jail in 1996. Mike got out of jail and came to see Shonna in Fort Worth. She told him she wanted to end the relationship, but he did not exactly take no for an answer. He convinced her to take a ride on his motorcycle to talk. The ride resulted in an accident and Shonna having 100 stitches. Fortunately,

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News In Brief

CAMPUS

PAYMENT DEADLINES CHANGE

Payment due dates have changed for fall registration. The earlier students register for classes, the sooner payments have to be made to hold a spot in the class.

The usual August deadline is no longer effective.

Students registering between April 19-June 10 must pay by 6 p.m. on June 10.

Students registering between June 12-July 8 must pay by 6 p.m. on July 8.

Students registering between July 10-Aug. 8 must pay by 6 p.m. on Aug. 9.

Most performance grants will be awarded before the June 10 deadline. Bridge loans will only be available beginning July 12.

CHEER TEAM PLACES AT NATIONALS

TJC Apache cheerleaders went to Daytona Beach to compete at the NCA College Cheer and Dance Nationals.

Several schools competed in the Junior College division and TJC won 2nd place.

Two of TJC's male cheerleaders were also asked to be in the next Bring It On cheerleading movie for 2011.

PHI THETA KAPPA AWARDED

Phi Theta Kappa traveled to Houston for the Regional Convention and returned home with a record number of regional awards and honors.

TJC's Alpha Omicron was named a five star chapter, the highest chapter ranking.

TJC also received the Pinnacle Award for chapter membership- recognition of a 15 percent increase in chapter membership during the past year. Alpha Omicron also received the Travel award, for bringing the most members over the longest distance.

TJC received for the first time the Icarus award. This award is given for a "high-flying" honors study topic event. The award went to Darren VanMeter and Jeremy Glasscock.

Alpha Omicron was also awarded the Continued Excellence Award, presented to the single Texas chapter that has the highest scores in the society Hallmark for three consecutive years.

TJC was elected by the 80-plus chapters present to represent the 18 chapters in District III for the 2010-2011 year as Texas Regional Vice-President for District III.

Phi Theta Kappa also received numerous individual awards.

STATE

TEXAS NO PHONE ZONE

TxDOT teams up with national partners to promote April 30 as "No Phone Zone Day." Drivers will see state-wide signs encouraging drivers to give up texting or talking on the phone while driving.

TJC drumline bumped up to world class competition

By Jamie Regian
Advertising Director

The TJC Apache Punch Drumline recently competed in the Winter Guard International Independent World Championship Competition in Dayton, Ohio. They placed 15 out of 18, making this their first time to move on to finals at the world classification level.

"The spring semester means competition time," said Tom Mensch, director of bands at TJC. "The independent world classification is recognized as the top groups in the art of competitive indoor percussion."

Previously, the drumline was classified at open class, which is defined as the intermediate level. They were bumped up to world classification at the last minute. Unprepared, they had no time to change their performance music, which was written at the intermediate level.

"When you go to world class, shows are written at a different level. That's the bottom line," said Mensch. "But the potential for us to be more competitive in that genre is going to be much higher in the spring of next year."

Associate Director of Bands, Tom McGowan began directing the Apache Punch eight years ago. He said that making the finals was quite an accomplishment.

"Being bumped up [to world class] is basically like going from competing with [a school like] Penn State in a NCAA division to a professional sport team," said McGowan. "Our first year was probably equivalent to maybe an underfunded 3A program and right now we are actually the most successful indoor drumline in the entire state of Texas."

Freshman Jessica Sublette plays the cymbals on the drumline. This is her second semester on the Apache Punch and she also has a band scholarship from TJC.

"Over the years, we've gotten better and better and this year we just felt like we needed to jump up to world class. It was getting too easy in open class. We



Photo by Sarah Hall

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT Joseph Snyder and other members of the drumline perform in the gym.

were doing well so we wanted to push ourselves to another level," said Sublette. "I hope we do a lot better in world class next year and just keep on moving forward in that direction, but nobody was disappointed. Everyone was really happy with our results."

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A new financial aid program arrives at TJC

Cheyenne Robinson
Staff Writer

A financial aid program that has provided millions to students is going away. It will be replaced by a new form of funding.

The HCERA, Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 was signed March 30 to allow more Americans to attend college at a lower cost.

The HCERA eliminated the FFEL, Federal Family Education Loan program. This program was where students would borrow money from banking institutions and has been around since 1965. TJC has participated in the FFEL program for many years; however, FFEL will be ending on July 1.

Students will now be able to borrow student loans from Tyler Junior College.

"TJC is excited about this new program and will begin awarding student loans in the DL, Direct Loan program in the next few weeks for the upcoming school year," said Director of Student Financial Aid Devon Wiggins.

The Direct Loan Program will make things better for Financial Aid and students.

"It is going to benefit TJC students specifically. Because I do think that going to the Direct Loan Program is going to more streamline our process here. I do feel like we have seen a huge increase in the numbers that we've awarded. We've processed and offered awards to 7,151 students for 2009 and 2010. In comparison

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Students reminded of dress code with warming weather

Erica Smith
Staff Writer

With temperatures getting higher and higher, female neck lines and male pants seem to be reaching new lows.

Faculty, staff and students across the Tyler Junior College campus have been lending a hand in cracking down on the way students dress and the way TJC is perceived by the public.

Since the initial email sent out about a change in the TJC dress code to faculty and staff near the end of January, professors are now being asked in another email to include the dress guidelines in their individual course syllabi under Student Handbook Policies.

"I always send out an email to the professors for any policy changes," Dean of University Studies Shelley Caraway said. "I absolutely think the way people dress affects the image of TJC. People should take pride in the way they dress around campus or anywhere else they are."

The Student Code of Conduct 21 states: "Students should dress in a manner that should reflect high standards of personal self-image so that each student may share in pro-

moting a positive, healthy and safe atmosphere within the College community. Students who are not following guidelines of appropriate dress when advised by a College official shall be considered in violation of the Tyler Junior College Student Code of Conduct and will be subject to disciplinary action."

Each student is expected to follow the Tyler Junior College guidelines of dress, which includes but is not limited to:

Dress and grooming/(indecent, lewd) clothing that expose intimate body parts (underwear, cleavage, etc) shall not disrupt the classroom or academic environment or cause undue attention to an individual student. Classroom instructors and college staff in charge of college events reserve the right to refuse entrance to students dressed in any prohibited attire.

Director of Student Judicial Programs at TJC Damien Williams has said that these guidelines are not meant to get kids in trouble or kicked out of class; they're meant to teach them appropriate ways to present themselves and educate them now and after their time enrolled here.

"Sure there are violators," Williams said.

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Photo by Jamisha Daniels

TEXTING Dee Burton and others are shown texting while in class.

Cell phones causing distractions in class

Jamisha Daniels
Staff Writer

More than 68.7 million Americans text message at least once a day, without a doubt some of these messages are sent during class.

Tucking cell phones underneath the desk, and inside pockets are some ways students hide texting in class during a lecture. But why hide the phone if there's no problem with texting?

"Absolutely, it can wait," said Rhonda McKinzie, professor/departments Chair- Sign Language, when asked if texting in class was disrespectful.

Texting has become a way of life and has students and professors voicing their opinions. Although texting is non-verbal communication, some teachers say it is almost the same as having a verbal conversation with another student during class. Some students find it distracting when the person beside them is texting.

"I have had students complain to me about people around them texting," said Cynthia Sanders, professor of college preparatory mathematics.

Most teachers consider texting in class very disrespectful. Most students find it disrespectful when a teacher takes up their phone for texting.

"What's the problem with texting in class? It's not like I'm hurting anyone," said Tiara Milton, sophomore.

Teachers are only concerned about the well being of the student and their peer's education.

"Yes, I do think texting in class is very disrespectful," said Brandon Beal, sophomore, "If it's not an emergency then you shouldn't be texting in class."

When students are repeatedly asked to put their phone up and they don't obey, they are breaking the Student Code of Conduct.

"Texting definitely takes away from their attention in class," said Dijana Armstrong, professor, "It only bothers me because they are not getting all the information needed."

Then there is the argument about taking up a student's phone if he or she is caught texting in class.

"No, I don't think teachers should have the authority to take up someone's phone," said Beal, "They didn't pay for it, and they don't pay the bill."

Although only a select few actually take the phone from the student, the consequences of using a cell phone in class may be stated in their syllabus. If the problem keeps happening with the same student, then the teacher has the right to ban the students phone from them in the class.

If a student has an emergency and absolutely must text, then most teachers are fine with that as long as they let them know the situation beforehand and go outside to handle it.

"I understand that some students have children and jobs, and it is OK," said Sanders.

Texting in class is becoming a bigger issue. It's not only about respecting the teachers, it is also about students treating getting an education seriously.

"I know some students aren't paying for their classes, they are either on financial aid or their parents are paying, and I'm sure their parents wouldn't be happy to know they are texting in the classroom," said McKinzie.

Summer Time

A shift in motivation for students

Jasmine Hampton
Verve Editor

With the end of spring semester approaching, some students catch the contagious learning disease endofsemesteritis.

Endofsemesteritis is the mental mindset with symptoms of a drop in attendance, performance and quality of work that most students get towards the end of a semester, especially spring semester with the anticipation of summer break.

"End of semester says it all," Alan Kirkland, TJC freshman said. "No more learning. No more lectures or labs, just a comprehensive final and freedom."

Freedom being the driving force behind endofsemesteritis, student begin to procrastinate, showcase lazy tendencies and, according to the TJC advisor's office, the drop rate of classes by students is at its highest closer to the end of a semester term.

"Students just shut off. They quit going to class, stop performing and just monitor the RSC steps," Jan Adams, TJC academic advisor said. "Then they come to us, as a solution or cure to their problem by dropping the class. Unfortunately, their only prescribed six drops their entire college career, so they shouldn't waste it on some end of school blues."

Class attendance, one of the worst symptoms, begins to decline, which is made evident by the vacancies in both parking lots and empty desks campus-wide.

"First day of class, students packed wall to wall. Now students in desks one to 15, must be that time of semester," James Richey, TJC English professor said. "I guess they think the last weeks don't really count and they miss vital class time, but it's their loss and my gain. I get my faculty parking spot back."

However, some students might not view missing class as a complete

loss.

"It's the final weeks. What can they possible pack into a couple of weeks that would encourage us to come to class," Kirkland said. "It's just reviewing for finals, and we can do that on our own outside of class."

Along with failure to attend class comes poor work quality.

"Work turned in at the end of a semester is after most grades have been given, students already know where they stand grade wise," Richey said. "And depending on that grade determines whether they put an effort into any of the remaining work for the class. Students get so comfortable with what grade they already have, they just rest on it and let the rest fall through."

However, some students have an opposite reaction to endofsemesteritis. These students' attendance remains

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Photo by Jessica Sharp

ENDOFSEMERITIS: Students play hacky sack and enjoying the warmer weather.

ENDOFSEMERITIS?

1. If you regularly sleep in instead of attending classes.
2. Professors see you for the first time during final's week.
3. Skip out on Friday's classes but have perfect attendance in the RSC.
4. Procrastination becomes your best friend.
5. Your grades and attendance drop majorly.

If you relate to three or more of these scenarios, you're suffering from Endofsemesteritis.

Students anticipate summer fun

Audrinee' Anderson
StudentLife Editor

While some students are already thinking about summer jobs, others are daydreaming about hanging out with friends and planning vacations.

"My major summer plans are always finding a job, shopping, and going on a good vacation," said Marcuesha Williams, Tyler Junior College sophomore.

Most students are counting down the final months until summer. Some are graduating and others are continuing on to four-year universities in the fall. Many are ready to start working and begin a career.

"Getting a job is at the top of my list as soon as summer gets here," said Amber West Tyler Junior College, sophomore.

The highest priority for most students is to find a good summer job and move out on their own.

The criteria for a summer job is one that pays well, has reasonable work hours and is convenient.

"When I look for a summer job, I always look for the job that has weekends off so I can always party at least those two days," Williams said.

While this may be true for some, others just want a

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-Marcuesha Williams
Sophomore, TJC student

job for spending money and future plans.

"I don't care what job I have during the summer as long as it pays, so I can save up for an apartment," said Dezarae Favors, Tyler Junior College sophomore.

Although this is the motive for most, there are jobs that can help them achieve their goals.

According to fastweb.com, good jobs for the summer include being a cashier, receptionist, waitress or a lifeguard.

However, while most are looking for jobs and looking forward to hanging out with friends, others can't wait to go on a summer trip.

"The best summer trip for college students to take are Caribbean cruises, because you can travel to all the different

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Turkey trip provides unique learning opportunities

Jarah Wright
Online Editor

This May, students and community members are traveling across the globe to Turkey for Tyler Junior College's 22nd trip.

"For students, nothing is like traveling. It's the best way to learn," said Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi, director of the Turkey trip.

Travelers will have the opportunity to learn about art and architecture from previous civilizations, the role of religions in everyday life, Turkish politics and the history of the Middle East.

"I went to all of the orientations that Dr. K had," said Ruth Ann Wossord, a community member who traveled on one of these trips to Turkey. "We studied architecture and Roman and Greek art. We were prepared before we went to Turkey, so we got a lot out of it."

Khosrowshahi started these trips after he visited Turkey himself.

"About 20 years ago I went to Turkey to help my parents get a visa. I had never been before," said Khosrowshahi. "I was amazed by the beauty of the culture, the country, the people, the geography, and the architecture.

It was then that I decided to introduce Turkey to Americans."

After returning from Turkey, Khosrowshahi began on a grand proposal that he submitted to the Department of Education. He received a grant to take Americans to Turkey. After a successful trip, he began looking to expand.

"An idea occurred to me that I do something for spring break and maymester as well. I started taking people during spring break and it eventually developed into a course," said Khosrowshahi.

Many other colleges showed interest that they wanted to get involved. The Turkey trip has also become a credited course at UT-Tyler and Johnson County Community College in Kansas.

"Turkey is the crossroad of civilization and the meeting point of three continents," said Khosrowshahi. "There is a deep history in Turkey and it has a colorful and rich culture that anyone can enjoy and learn about."

According to the trip Web site, there is something for everyone from historical sites and museums to shopping.

"I've never done anything like this trip," said Wossord. "It was beyond my expectations."



Courtesy Photo

TURKEY TRIP TJC president Mike Metke is shown Turkey holding TJC flags.

Real Talk about real issues

Amanda Caldwell
Photo Editor

“God has a plan for you, if you give your life to him,” said Jason Jennings, student director over the Real Talk Organization.

Real Talk was founded by John Eisenring and started at Kilgore College, then later moved to Stephen F. Austin State University. Eisenring decided to start the organization after noticing students and young adults talking about various topics like relationships, pornography, teen pregnancy and other subjects they felt they couldn't share with their families.

Although this is the first semester for the organization to be at Tyler Junior College, 50-75 students attend meetings regularly. Eisenring still would prefer to reach a goal of 150-200 members returning weekly.

“I know God has a plan for every young person, and some just need a sense of direction,” said Jennings.

The main goal is to lead students to Jesus Christ, and point people to God. Students can talk about any and everything either through debate or just a simple discussion; while also being a voice between the students and between administrators.

“We like to be diverse we have no color lines. It's not a certain religion. We don't ban anyone. We accept everyone,” said Eisenring.

The organization has three goals: the first is to reach students who are not con-

nected to fellowship; the second is to train students for life; and the third goal is to network students with other students across the country.

During the course of the meetings, everyday issues are discussed, then a certain topic of the day is picked and is discussed for the majority of the session. After hearing what the students opinions are, then the last 15 minutes is about the same topic but what the Bible says about that topic and the correct way of approaching certain situations.

“I provide structure while bringing organization and also discipline,” said Jennings.

Jennings believes his duties for the organization are to serve the rest of the students and to do whatever it takes to get students to succeed and help develop leaders.

“A lot of kids get their bodies fed, but not their spirits,” said Eisenring.

For those who want a deeper walk with Christ, they can attend the Purple Book Group, which lays the foundation for consistency while learning more about faith. Purple Book Group meetings are held after Real Talk meetings at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays for females in Ornelas Residential Residential Complex. Males who are also interested can meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays on the men's side of Ornelas Residential Complex.

For more information about Real Talk or Purple Book Group meetings, contact Jason Jennings at (903) 376-1408.



Photo by Justin Todd

HELPING THOSE IN NEED St. Paul Children's Foundation is focused on helping those who need it and welcome volunteers and donations.

St. Paul Children's Foundation helps East Texas community

Justin Todd
Staff Writer

For single mother Sandra Vargas, every day is a struggle as she tries to support her two children. She was recently let go from her job as a housekeeper for a local family and has no source of income. With no way of knowing what her next meal might be or where it might come from, Vargas depends on St. Paul Children's Foundation.

“It's really great that all these people care so much and are willing to help us out. I'm so thankful for the church and all of its volunteers,” said Vargas.

Each year Tyler Junior College Professor Rebecca Foster gives the students of her sociology class an opportunity to participate in volunteer work for St. Paul children's foundation. This spring semester, there have been more than 150 students who have donated their time and money

to this program.

“The experience my students receive from volunteering for this organization is unbelievably rewarding,” said Foster. “These students see people waving for food and clothes and they have an earth-shaking experience. Most of them never realized that less than three miles from their campus people are going without these necessities. Once these students volunteer for this organization, they realize how much they can change these people's lives and they continue to go back and volunteer throughout the year.”

In the early 1990's, St. Paul children's foundation began helping those in need and organizing volunteer projects. Today these projects include assistance with food, clean clothes, medical and dentistry needs. The organization accepts everyone regardless of where they live or how much money they make. If someone needs help, the program is

there for them.

“No one is ever turned away. We are not going to let a child go without due to their financial situations. Last year alone we saw more than 20,000 children from across East Texas,” said Saleen Hearon, executive director of St Paul children's foundation.

Dr. Duane Andrews started the medical clinic and Dr. David Nichols started the dental clinic. Both doctors have separate practices, but choose to spend their free time volunteering for this organization.

St. Paul children's foundation is always willing to accept any food or clothing items. Right now the most needed items are peanut butter, cereal, diapers and baby wipes, baby food and formula, new socks and underwear, books, toys and all sizes of children's clothing.

Anyone who would like to volunteer or donate food or clothing can contact Saleen Hearon at (903) 531-9455 or e-mail saleen@stpaulchildren.org.

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the same and their performance proves

“When it comes down to the end of semester, as a sophomore you have to be at the top of your game and polish off your semester grade,” Katherine Lawson, TJC sophomore said. “Graduation is right around the corner and no slacker disease is going to interfere.”

Student's set to graduate and those wishing to transfer find no gain in ending their semester early.

“Colleges look at your grades and your grades end with the completions of your finals not before,” Lawson said. “Your performance should increase throughout the semester and reach its peak at the end, not plunge downward. It would mean all your hard work four months in would be wasted and all for a couple hours of free time? That's what summer's for.”

SUMMER

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islands and see different cultures,” said Ishmael Benjamin, assistant director of Student Life.

Though this might be true for some, others just like the idea of hanging out with friends while on vacation.

“I love going on summer trips because I get to be with my family, do some sight-seeing, and enjoy the nice weather,” said West.

For whatever reason it may be, students have different reasons anticipating summer break, but most have one thing in common, and that's to have fun and enjoy summer.

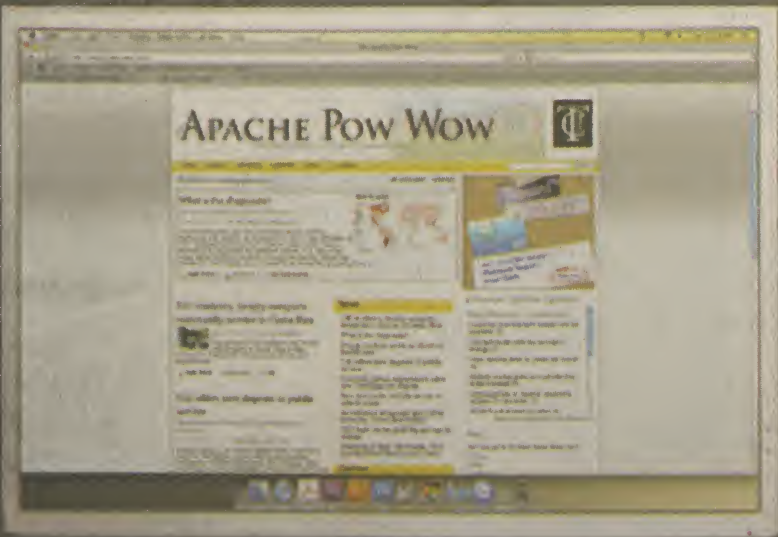
“Being with friends, family, and getting to see others is the best part of the summer,” said Williams.

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Sports camps help kids learn skills

By Chris Jones
Staff Writer

During the summer, TJC offers sports camps to help youth develop athletic skills.

Normally, TJC coaches direct the camps while current and former players help operate them.

The camps take place in June and July.

Sports that are offered include basketball, football, tennis, soccer, volleyball, and baseball.

According to the camp brochure, parents are required to provide transportation for the students to and from camp unless the campers are staying on campus.

Camps are held at Gentry Gym in the Ornelas HPE complex, Mike Carter Field, Pat Hartley Field and the JoAnn Medlock Murphy Tennis Center.

Students are required to bring some of their own equipment, such as workout clothes, tennis shoes, and other athletic related things.

Dana Hatch, who recently retired as the volleyball coach at TJC, directs the volleyball camp.

"The volleyball camp is usually one of the most attended camps besides the tennis camp," Coach Hatch said. "It is always 30 to 40 girls at the camp every year."

The volleyball camp is for students entering fourth grade through eighth grade.

"The kids want to learn new things and have fun in the process," Coach Hatch said. "We want to get the kids to attend our camps and for the parents to see what a great facility we have."

Another popular camp at TJC is basketball camp.

The boy's basketball camp is for students entering first grade through third grade. The skills camp is for students entering third grade through eighth grade.

In the girl's basketball camp, the first session, which runs from 9 a.m. to noon, is for students in second grade through fifth grade. The second session, which runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., is for students in fifth grade through eighth grade.

Basketball is a sport a lot of younger people enjoy playing and can learn more as they grow older.

"Basketball is fun because it is such a team concept sport," men's head basketball coach Mike Marquis said. "Football is such a dominating sport in the state of Texas and the game of basketball should be exposed more."

Directors of the camps usually are assisted by current or former players of that particular sport. These players help the coaches work with the kids and make sure they are doing the right things.

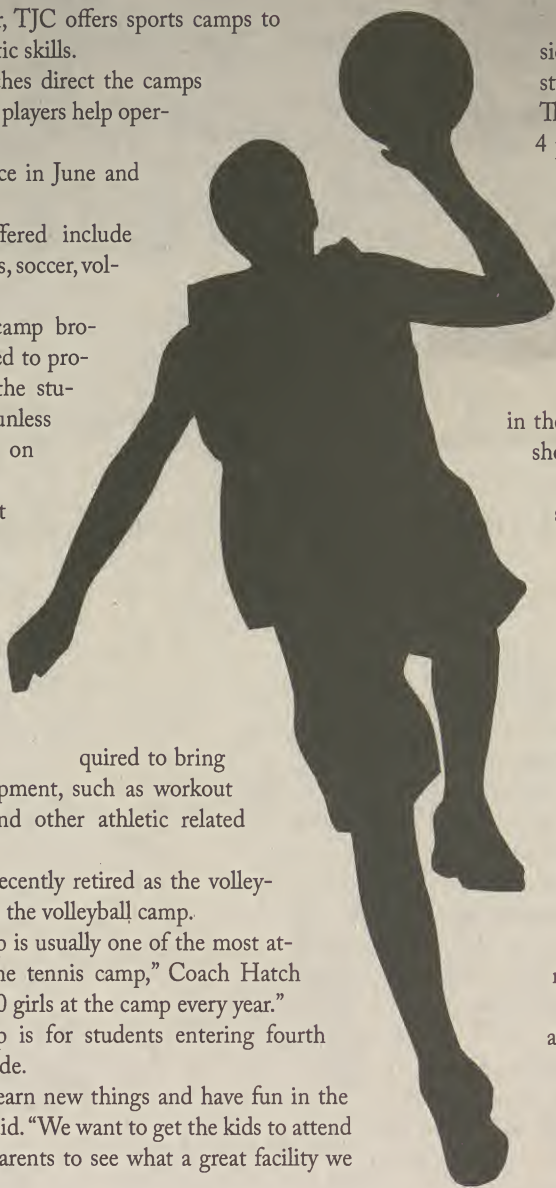
"It is fun getting to interact with the kids," TJC Sophomore guard CeMonay Newell said. "You get the opportunity to help the students learn new things and help them get an hands on experience."

Every year, the sports camps look to attract new kids and kids that have previously attended.

"The attendance at the camps are usually pretty good," Coach Hatch said. "Younger kids that attend the camps normally are interested to come back."

The camps help the kids learn new skills and discipline.

"Working with the kids is very enjoyable," TJC Freshman point guard Mitch Marquis said. "It really helps my view on working with kids and seeing them become better basketball players."



Men's Basketball Recruits search for next seasons lineup

BASKETBALL

By Brad Thompson
Sports Editor

As the season ends, Tyler Junior College coaches have to start looking for prospects for the next season. With the men's basketball team ending their season in regionals against Navarro on March 6, Head Coach Mike Marquis is looking for a new crop of players for next season. Six out of 10 players for TJC are sophomores, meaning the Apaches will have plenty of new talent on the team next year.

"We're losing some great players but like always, we will bounce back and turn our recruits into great players," said Marquis.

Marquis remembers what his sophomores were like when they first came to TJC and all the talent and experience they've gained since.

"Our players that we're losing next season were just regular basketball players out of high school when they first got here," said Marquis. "They worked hard and gained plenty of experience that helped lead

us to two great seasons."

Marquis knows that recruiting the right players takes a lot of work.

"There's a lot more to recruiting than just picking a player that can play," said Marquis. "You need to get to know the player and what kind of life they come from, and then let that player get to know you and your program."

Before ending the spring semester, Marquis has signed Jaron Johnson from John Tyler High School. Johnson had a great high school career being named district offensive player of the year averaging 16 points per game, during his senior year.

"We're blessed to have Johnson on our team. He's a great kid and a great player," said Marquis. "I know the team will make him feel welcome here."

Johnson's oldest brother Justin played at TJC before going to Iowa and playing professionally. Johnson felt that coming to TJC would help him with his future basketball

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'DidUWin?' Slogan holds meaning for Apache football

FOOTBALL

By Chris Davila
Staff Writer

There is a slogan posted along the walls of the Apache football offices directed to every member of the team. It asks each player a simple question. DidUWin?

The slogan, written in bold print, is a question that has much more meaning than one would think after reading it the first time.

The question isn't just asking the players about the effort they gave while competing on the field. Head Coach Danny Palmer wants the players to ask themselves this question when they look themselves in the mirror at night.

"We want you to win in everything, not just out on the football field," Palmer said. "Because if you do your stuff and win most of the days, you're going to be successful."

Coach Palmer isn't alone in his motives behind the slogan.

"It's the bottom line at the end of the day," Associate Head Coach Ryan Mahon said. "What have you done that day or what did you do today, and did you win at it?"

The players see the slogan as more than just a way to look at

their own personal accomplishments. They know if they can honestly say "yes" to the question at the end of the day, they will collectively be better off.

"It's an individual question that you ask yourself, did I win or did we win as a team?" offensive lineman Josh Gilbert said.

With a lot of motivation, such as a simple slogan and many returning starters, optimism for next fall is high on the practice field.

On the offensive side, the coaching staff is excited that the offensive line has plenty of depth, which Palmer indicated has proven to be vital in junior college football.

Gilbert also added that the camaraderie the players have with one another from last season will benefit them.

The Apaches spring football game was played on April 16 at Rose Stadium with the Gold team defeating the Black 23-14. Quarterback Jeffrey Clayborn threw two touchdowns and returning kicker Jorge Martinez made three field goals.

Overall, Coach Palmer was satisfied with how his team performed this spring and added that he would like to see someone step up at the tight end position.

The game marked the end of the spring season and the players will have to wait until next fall to get back on the field for official team practices.

Along with the offensive line, key offensive players include returning quarterback Jeffrey Clayborn, who has won the starting spot and, according to Palmer, has shown improved leadership and a strong arm. The running backs as a group have been solid this spring as well.

The defense will be returning seven starters and will be highlighted by safety Maurice Hood and linebacker Steven Sanders.

Confidence is high about the upcoming season not just because of the returning players, but the fact that the only losses last season were to the eventual national champion, Blinn College, and the number three ranked team in the country, Navarro College.

After losing consecutive games last season, the players have learned they can't afford to jump ahead to the next game.

"Last year when we had Navarro then Blinn back to back we kind of looked past Navarro and were focusing on Blinn," Gilbert said. "But we have to take it one day and one week at a time."

Even though the coaches stress getting better right now to the players, the emphasis is still the highest when it comes to performing in the classroom.

"We want them to go to Division I and play football, but they have to be prepared to do it academically first," Mahon said.

With about five months to go until opening kickoff, each day of work will dictate if the Apaches reach the goal they have set out for this spring.



Photo by Jarah Wright

SPRING FOOTBALL Players watch the action from the sidelines during the black/gold game Apr. 17.



Photo by Jarah Wright

DOWN SET HIKE!!! Quarterback Jeffrey Clayborn steps back to hand the ball to the runningback.

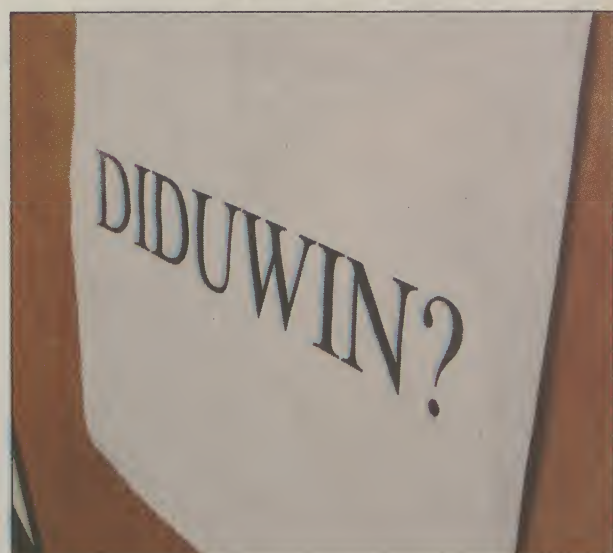


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DIDUWIN? Sign is posted throughout the football building at TJC to encourage players to reflect on their personal accomplishments.

sportsCALENDAR

Upcoming TJC athletics

Baseball: April 29, 1:00 p.m. vs. Brookhaven College (Mac Play-in Series; April 30, vs. Brookhaven College (2nd game if necessary); May 7-9, District C Tournament; McKinney, TX

Men's Tennis: May 9-13 @ NJCAA National Championships; Plano, TX

Women's Tennis: May 2-6 @ NJCAA National Championships; Tucson, AZ

Men's Golf: May 18-21 NJCAA National Tournament @ Palm Valley G.C.-Goodyear, AZ

Women's Golf: May 17-20 NJCAA National Tournament @ LPGA International-Daytona



Controversial play raises debate for citizens

By Logan Thompson
Staff Writer

A recent press release from Troy Carlyle, head chairman of the Tyler Area Gays (TAG), reported that the play "The Laramie Project" was in danger of having its funds revoked by some of the Tyler Civic Theatre board members.

The play, which is being co-funded by TAG and the civic theatre, recounts the murder of homosexual teen Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyo. It ran on Broadway, then in 2,000 different locations across the country. Ten years later it was made into a movie for HBO.

It is no stranger to protest. A notoriously anti-gay pastor, Fred Phelps, has sent picketers to every major production of the play. In an interview he said that, "it is a tawdry piece of fag melodrama plays on the maudlin emotions of doomed, godless Americans."

Tyler Civic Theatre originally voted unanimously to put on the play, but after receiving some "letters of concern from Tyler citizens" information about the scheduled performance was removed from the civic theater's Web site and the funds for the production were put on hold.

On April 13, the board voted to continue with the play and restored the funding. It is set to premiere June 17.

While the TCT board was considering whether to continue with the play, a campaign in support of the play, "Laramie or Bust," began and grew. On the night that the board voted on whether to reinstate the play, more than 100 "Laramie or Bust" supporters gathered outside the theater.

The play's director, Tyler native Trinity Wheeler, said that the overwhelming support for the play was truly "quite a scene."

The TCT board said it had reconsidered staging the play because of the controversial subject matter and the potential that it would not draw a large paying audience.

"The main reason for cutting funds is because we have a fan base we are wary of losing," TCT Board member Chris Abraham said.

Because of the turnout of support, TCT is no longer concerned that the play will not attract an audience.

"After they (board members) voted for the play to go on, the turnout to the re-vote means we may have to schedule more performances (of the play) just to accommodate all the people who



MCT Photo

THE SHOW MUST GO ON Although concerns were raised, the Tyler Civic Theatre has decided to continue production.

are interested now," Wheeler said.

Those familiar with "The Laramie Project" said that some who were opposed to the play were not familiar with it. The Laramie project is, according to a *New York Times* review, "an enormously good-willed piece of theatrical journalism." It has also frequently been used in UIL competition by high schools.

In 1999, Kilgore College put on the much racier "Angels in America" and encountered a much stronger backlash. The play includes "strong anti-republican messages, as well as sexual frankness not present in Laramie," said Kilgore theatre teacher Raymond Caldwell.

Fundamentalists from surrounding towns, including those who protested the Matthew Shepard funeral in Laramie, came to Kilgore to protest.

"While 'Angels' was a play that was meant to provoke and be explicit, that is not true of 'The Laramie Project.' I don't think any of the people who are against it have read it," Caldwell said.

The play in Kilgore was so hotly debated and the protest around it so large that police and security cameras were needed at the performance. Its production had other effects as well. An annual dramatic festival held at Kilgore, the Texas Shakespeare

festival "often compared to festivals in New York and California," had its funds rescinded by the Kilgore Chamber of Commerce. Caldwell and the Kilgore College President Will Holda went up against those responsible for funding and were not successful.

"The people that were against 'Angels in America' and the same people protesting 'The Laramie Project' now are just a fringe group that make headlines by appearing to be a majority," Caldwell said.

The Kilgore performances of "Angels in America" underneath the looming possibility of violence or discrimination earned them a Paul Newman PEN award for artistic free speech, and a grant from the Paul Newman Foundation and a dramatic guild award.

The protest in Tyler mirrors similar events in the country. Tarleton State had its production of the play "Corpus Christi," a work depicting a gay character resembling Jesus, cancelled after the school received over 800 threatening e-mails. At Emory University in Atlanta, another staging of "The Laramie Project" is receiving protest from churches. In November 2009, a Las Vegas high school received protest from parents of students because of their performance of "The Laramie Project."

One of Wheeler's reasons that the play should be put on is its similarity in nature to a hate crime that took place in Tyler. In 1993, Nicholas West, a homosexual Tyler native, was abducted from Bergfeld Park and murdered.

"The Laramie Project" is about bringing a community together and healing it after something terrible happens, just like Tyler did after the West murder," Wheeler said.

Carlyle added that "it's ironic that it's such an issue in Tyler because Tyler was Laramie before Laramie."

Carlyle said, "I have never seen a 'Laramie' production have as much trouble as it's having in Tyler."

Kilgore College, which had so much trouble with "Angels in America," put on 'The Laramie Project' in 2003 with no trouble at all," according to Carlyle.

Although the play is being performed as planned, the protest against it continues. In reaction, Wheeler and his cast created a "Laramie Project" Facebook page that has more than 1,000 members.

The rhetoric continues as well. In the April 16 edition of the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*, a reader sent in his opinion that, "The play, in its vile language and deceptive information, is more than theatrical, its propaganda."

Students use their voices for worship

By Ambra Phillips
News Editor

Tyler Junior College is the home of a fairly small organization that hopes to change lives in a big way. TJC's Voices of Worship gospel choir is ministering and providing hope through music.

"We are a positive group of young people trying to make a difference on TJC's campus," said Felisa Young, VOW president.

VOW was started in 2005 and after five years in operation is still going strong.

Members of VOW have various reasons for being a part of this choir.

"I just enjoy doing it," said Young.

Some members joined because it was an avenue for them to get back to their religious beliefs.

"VOW brought me back to church," said Tiffany Morris, sophomore and VOW member. "I enjoy ministering to people through song."

VOW is under the leadership of Damien Williams and group members describe him as being a great leader.

"He, (Williams), is awesome and a big asset to VOW," said Brittany Bolton, VOW Vice-President.

Bolton, who has been a member of VOW for two years, and vice-president for one year adds that she can tell a difference from the group this year versus last year with Williams as the sponsor.

"He cares, and shows that he cares," said Bolton.

Members of VOW see this group as more than an organization.

"VOW brought me back to church. I enjoy ministering to people through song."

-Tiffany Morris
'VOW member'



"We hope to minister to somebody and bring them closer to God through our songs," said Bolton.

VOW has had a positive impact on its members.

"My favorite thing about VOW is the freedom I feel," said Hawkins. "I get a stronger view on gospel music and its effectiveness on people's lives."

Morris has been a VOW member for almost a year and said VOW helps their spiritual walk.

"It (VOW) keeps us connected with God," said Morris.

Although being a VOW member may have some challenges, members say it's still a great place to be.

"It's hard dealing with everyone's different personality, but we fight like a family and get back together," said Young.

VOW plans to keep doing community service on campus, in the community and maybe even out of the country. They are hoping to take a mission trip in July to Mexico to an orphanage with a local church.

VOW hopes that they are helping to give everyone that hears them an awesome worship experience.

"Whenever we're at a church service and the spirit is moving and everyone is engaging in the worship service, now that's what makes it worth it," said Bolton.

VOW INFO

Voices of Worship

A gospel choir formed to minister and provide hope through music.

Meeting times

7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at Wesley Methodist Church on Baxter Avenue across from TJC.

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Theatre students take a bite out of the Big Apple

By Tyenicia Evans
Staff Writer

As summer approaches the "Introduction to Theatre" students and Dr. David Crawford are preparing for their annual trip to the Big Apple.

This trip has been successful for the eight years that Dr. Crawford has sponsored it and he believes it changes the students lives and outlook toward the theatre; like an inspiration to continue on their journey to stardom where ever they believe that to be.

"As many times as I go on this trip it never gets old. It's the city that never sleeps, there is always something to do," Dr. Crawford, TJC professor and trip sponsor.

These students are getting the chance to see five Broadway shows, which are still in consideration but the hopeful line up is "Wicked," "In the Heights," "Our Town," "A Little Night Music," and "Next to Normal". Also on the schedule are an off-Broadway show and a tour of the Player's Club on Theatre Row but they will also gain credit for the class. They will be staying five nights at The Hotel at Times Square, where each morning the students will attend a seminar lead by a TJC alumni.

The Player's Club is actually the home of Edwin Booth the brother of John Wilkes Booth, President Abraham Lincoln's assassin.

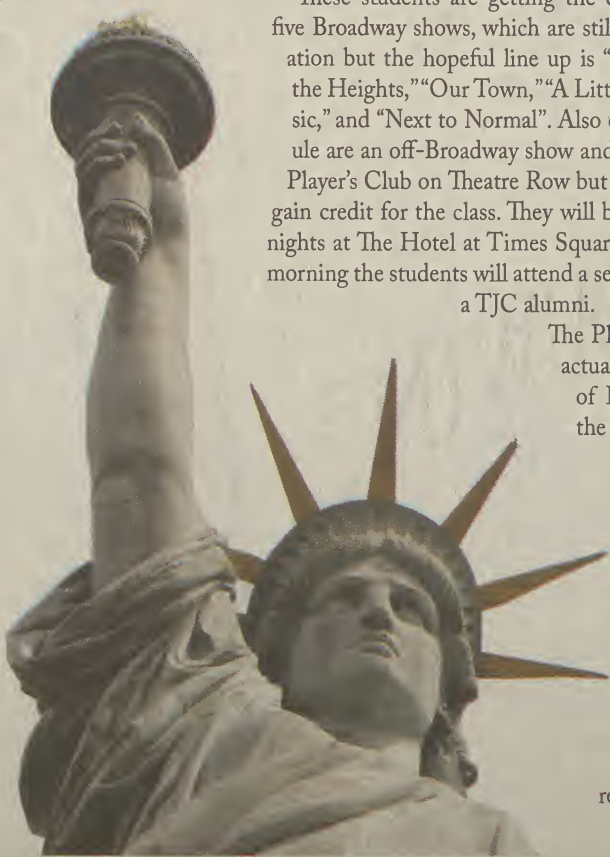
They will have to review the plays and turn in reports of the tours. This trip will not be all work. Crawford has made a loose

schedule so that the students will have plenty of time for sightseeing and shopping.

"One time at three in the morning a few students came to my room to let me know one of the students wasn't in her room. She was 27 years old. She is allowed to be out of her room. I trust my students I see and work with them often. If one of my students were to ever act out I would send them back on a bus ticket out of their pockets whatever that may be," said Crawford.

The Friday before they return, Dr. Crawford plans to take these students to Greenwich Village.

"On Friday the village has a different feel, more communal and always something new. Everyone is just hanging out and having fun," said Crawford.



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to 2008 and 2009 we did 5,815," said Wiggins.

The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act will invest more than \$40 billion in Pell Grants to ensure that all eligible students receive an award and that these awards are increased in future years to keep pace with the rising cost of college, according to whitehouse.gov.

The HCERA covers the predicted funding loss and much of the recent growth in Pell costs, making the program more stable for years ahead.

"The government is willing to spend the money (on college education). For those who are going to school and dropping out, the money could have gone towards much more important things," said Wright.

HCERA includes \$2 billion over four years for community colleges.

These resources will help community colleges and other institutions develop, improve, and provide education and career training programs suitable for workers who are eligible for trade adjustment assistance, according to whitehouse.gov.

Two-thirds of college graduates take out loans, and the result is students with an average of \$23,000 in debt.

"It would be nice to get more money for Pell Grants. Because I was always where I could not get it and I'd just have to get the Stafford Loan, and it if it's a change for it to be more accessible that'd be nice. I can't pay for the loans myself. I don't have parent support, so extra help would be nice," said TJC Student Jared Bockhold.

To make affordable student loan pay-

ments, the HCERA expands the existing income-based student loan repayment program.

New borrowers who assume loans after July 1, 2014, will be able to cap their student loan repayments at 10 percent of their discretionary income and, if they keep up with their payments over time, will have the balance forgiven after 20 years, according to whitehouse.gov.

Public service workers, such as teachers, nurses and those in military service will see their remaining debt forgiven after only ten years.

More than 1.2 million new borrowers are projected to qualify and take part in the Expanded Income Based Repayment, according to whitehouse.gov.

The HCERA is making college less expensive, and rewarding public service workers for their service. It is also ending the government subsidies that make up federal student loans.

According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, ending these "wasteful subsidies" will free up nearly \$68 billion for college affordability and deficit reduction over the next 11 years, states whitehouse.gov.

This is a start to a big change in financial aid, but it is said to make college more affordable and result in a better educated work force.

"We will provide the support necessary for you to complete college and meet a new goal: by 2020, America will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world," said President Barack Obama, according to whitehouse.gov.

DRESS CODE

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"Some [students] just don't want to follow the guidelines when asked to pull up their pants and repeat violators have been dealt with accordingly."

Williams has had no negative feedback from faculty and has received great support from them. However, some faculty and staff members are concerned with how they should approach students who aren't in their classes about dress code infractions.

"I believe that as long as a faculty member, staff member or a student for that matter approaches the student in a polite, respectful way there shouldn't be a problem with the way they are perceived by the violator," Williams said.

With support throughout the campus, some staff members have made it known to students that if they're not within the

guidelines they will be refused service. There is a sign on the Rogers Student Center door informing students that they will not be served in the cafeteria if they're not properly dressed.

"There is not necessarily a specific policy for that but people caught are still in violation of the dress guidelines and will be dealt with," he said.

Williams feels that with everyone campus wide being on board, TJC can continue to help students be model citizens on campus as well as in the community.

Contact Director of Student Judicial Programs Damien N. Williams with any questions or concerns at dwil3@tjc.edu or he can be reached by phone at 903-510-2353.



Photo by Sarah Hall

PERCUSSION IN MOTION Drumline performing in the gym before leaving for the Winter Guard International Independent World Championship Competition in Dayton, Ohio.

DRUMLINE

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Sublette played snare drum on her high school drumline and also plans to continue her passion at TJC. She must be enrolled in two music classes to satisfy her scholarship requirements.

"It [the scholarship] helped me a lot to get through school and to not have to pay as much, obviously," said Sublette. "And I've grown a lot musically this past year."

In addition to the Ohio trip, the drumline also traveled to Belgium and other places in Europe in order to teach their technique and perform for percussion enthusiasts. Several donors helped financially to make this possible.

"I think it ended up being \$500 [per person] for everything so it was really nice," said Sublette. "I hope that us going and doing stuff in Belgium

brings a good name to TJC."

The European drumlines vary from those in the U.S.

"Our job was to go over there and show people how to do what we do so they can raise their own level of performance," said Mensch.

McGowan and Director of Choreography Karman Trotter taught 35-minute workshops about technique as well.

The drumline also went to Houston several times for local regional contests.

"There is no other organization that competes at our level within the state of Texas," said Mensch. "Within the last five years, it [the drumline] has just taken on a new level."

The Apache Punch Drumline consists of about 40 people. These ensemble members are selected after an audition process. During the fall

semester, the drumline marches with the rest of the band. They also perform different functions required by the college, including football games, pep rallies, parades and general support for the school.

"We also do community events that we're asked to do. We try to do those as much as we can," said McGowan.

With competition semester coming to a close, students and directors are already gearing up for summer band and drumline camp.

"At camp we all hang out together so it's not scary being a freshman going in," said Sublette. "We all have activities we do like play hide-and-seek in the dark or flag football or things like that to get everybody to become friends so we can build a really strong drumline."

ADDICTION

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he had just got insurance the day before, and she was able to sue.

Then Victor kidnapped their two-year-old son, Nicholas and fled to New York. It may appear this would be a better situation, however Victor also had a drug addiction to crack.

It took two months for the insurance settlement. She was then now able to head for New York to get Nicholas back.

Then Mark, a friend of Shonna's at the time came into her life to help. Mark was on parole for possession, and did not have a pass to leave the state. They still drove about four days to get to New York. The Judge ordered Victor to give her Nicholas back, but he refused. So, they fought in court for two weeks until she finally received custody.

When they got back to Fort Worth, Mark and Shonna and her children started living together.

Shonna started to notice how much weight she had gained from being off drugs for that short period of three weeks. Mark and Shonna started doing drugs again.

They began to find themselves homeless often. Mark then learned how to manufacture the drug to pay rent and also support their addiction.

Shonna was busted for possession, and given probation.

"By this time my addiction had full control over me," according to Shonna's testimony.

She could not even pass her drug tests. They told her she was going to jail, and she ran. Her addiction was so strong, she could not control herself enough to stop using to keep from going to jail.

"I lived in fear for the next two years, and the drugs were taking their toll on my health," according to Shonna's testimony.

She lived with Mark and her children, but was in her own world.

In March of 2004 she was arrested in Fort Worth. The long-term effects of meth had taken a toll on Shonna. She had panic and anxiety attacks so bad her speech was impaired.

They threw her in the suicide ward and took away everything including her Bible and blanket.

"I remember crawling underneath my mattress trying to keep warm and I cried out, 'Jesus, if you are here with me, please pick me up and rock me to sleep.' I then felt warm waves move through my body and peace like I had never known, and I fell to sleep," according to Shonna's testimony.

The anxiety got better, so she was able to move to a rotation tank.

"We were praying for my probation to be reinstated but God had different plans. I was sentenced to three years in prison...I went back to my cell, and then tried to slice my wrists," according to Shonna's testimony. Shonna then prayed and said she felt warm waves and peace move through her body. She soon made it into a regular dorm.

Shonna believes God started to transform her while she was in prison.

"It was one battle after another, but God gave me victory in everything and with everyone."

Victor then decided to take Nicholas again.

Lawyers said she could probably get him, but she would have to prove herself for two years. However, her parents were awarded temporary custody.

Shonna was able to walk out of those prison gates after eight months. She was then home for the final hearing for custody of Nicholas and won.

She then returned to Mabank where Mark and her children Lacey and Matthew were living.

"The drugs were still there," said Shonna.

She came home to no electricity, no water and a three-week eviction notice.

"My two kids were staying in different places and were both on drugs (meth)," according to Shonna's testimony.

Shonna then relapsed, and began using meth again. Two weeks later, Mark accidentally burned down their house and they lost everything.

In October of 2005, Mark and Shonna decided to attend church for the first time in their relationship at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler. Shonna put in a prayer request and two men prayed for them when she told them her situation. It was very difficult for Shonna because the Crystal Meth was what she used to escape situations like these. Situations of her house burning down, moving to her sisters then having to leave and then start over in Tyler.

Shonna needed someone to relate to and help her get through her recovery process. She then received a phone call the next day from a lady at Green Acres Baptist Church telling her about Celebrate Recovery.

Celebrate Recovery is a program to help those struggling with hurts, habits and hang-ups by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process.

Two days later Shonna received \$11,000 from Victor for child support. Mark and Shonna then went to get married.

In January 2006, exactly 10 years since she started the drug, she finally decided she could not stop her addiction alone. She started attending Celebrate Recovery every Monday night, and she got involved in a step study to recovery. Shonna completed one for dependency and codependency, and then completed a step study for anger and control issues.

Shonna now leads a women's chemical group, and does prison ministry. Her daughter was using crystal meth at age 14 and dropped out of the eighth grade. However, she now has her GED and is going to school to be a medical assistant. Her son Matthew graduated high school and is going to attend college in the fall. Her son Nicholas is 16 now and is attending Whitehouse ISD.

Now Shonna believes God has led her to be a drug abuse counselor. This is a two-year program at TJC and Shonna is on her second semester as of right now.

Shonna feels she can relate and help them through their situation.

"Because you need those 12 steps. They are in the Bible, the beatitudes," said Shonna.

Shonna wants to help addicts get through their 12 steps to recovery.

"My goal is not to please others, but to help others," said Shonna.

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'...I was going to be blind forever'

Student goes through life with disability

By April Miller
Staff Writer

When most people hear the word disability, they visualize a physical impairment on a person. The word disability usually has a tendency to paint a stereotypical picture in one's mind, so on average when a person thinks "disability" they expect to see someone limping, in a wheel chair or have some sort of equipment that is assisting them in everyday life. In 19 year old TJC student, April Crawford's case, she beats the stereotype.

Summer was in session and Crawford was preparing for her senior year in high school. One night, she wasn't feeling too well.

"I remember on June 18 2007, I remember going to bed with a horrible headache, my back was hurting so bad. I went to sleep, woke up the next morning, and was completely blind. I couldn't see anything," said Crawford.

She was taken to an eye doctor; the eye doctor explained to April that she had a lot of dead tissue in her eye, afterward she was rushed to East Texas Medical Center, in Tyler, TX.

In the emergency room April went through a Spinal Tap, Cat Scans, and a MRI. She was soon after diagnosed with Pseudotumor Cerebri. Pseudotumor Cerebri is a process affecting the brain that appears to be, but is not, a tumor, and can sometimes be reversible. Although there are certain medicines that can increase the condition, there has not yet been an actual cause.

"No one knows what caused this to happen to me, but I do believe that a personal tragedy that had happened to me recently before my condition occurred. Not only the tragedy, but I was feeling a lot of pressure from high school, I needed someone to talk to, but I just kept it all in. I was trying to be Ms. Perfect on the outside but in the inside I was screaming for help. I just kept all of the things that I was going through inside of me; I had a lot on my mind."

Pseudotumor Cerebri can result in partial or permanent blindness.

"I remember the doctors coming in the hospital room, telling me that I was going to be blind forever, because I had a damaged optic nerve. I was so scared, for about four days all I did was cry. It was terrible, I couldn't see anything, and I only knew people by their voice. I didn't want anybody to come see me; I was on bed rest and couldn't do anything for myself. After four days of crying, I just didn't care about life anymore," said Crawford

April's family was behind her the whole step of the way.

"I was devastated, upset, and didn't know what to do. Our family believes in a higher power, so I kept my faith and believed that everything would be okay," said Ranae Crawford, April's mother.

April's pastor from the church she attended came and spoke some encouraging words to her one day during a visit.

"The pastor said to me, 'doctors are doctors, but God has the ultimate say so.' He told me to step out on faith and believe that I would get my eye sight back. So I did. After that, I kept my faith. When the doctors would come in and ask me if I was okay, I would just tell them yes I was okay because I would be getting my sight back soon."

After a week, April began to get her eye sight back. She began to see forms and shapes of different faces that were coming in and out of the hospital room. Although her vision wasn't the exact same, she could see. Soon after getting partial vision back, she was released from the hospital.

"I could see partially, and everything had a blue tint to it, for two months I had to go see a neurologist. I also and still do, have to get Spinal Taps, because I have too much Spinal fluid, which is also another probable cause of my condition."

Gradually the blue tint began to fade for April, she joined the program DARS (Division of The Blind) and was taught how to use different equipment that would assist her with her vision. She was taught barrel, and her school books had larger font then the

average school book.

"My senior year was horrible; I was so involved before my condition. I couldn't do anything I wanted anymore. I was head majorette before, now that I could partially see, I couldn't even catch a baton," she said. "Though my senior year was horrible, I refused to let my disability get me down. I was offered a cane to help me guide my way around better and a Watch Dog, I declined both. I found a way on my own."

After high school, April was given a full college scholarship from DARS, which would give her chance to attend any public community college or university in the state of Texas.

"I chose TJC because it was closer to home, but also gave me that feel of really being in college. Most community colleges don't have the same university feel like TJC does. I'm so glad that I decided to come here; I've met some amazing people. The teachers are so understanding of my condition. I get longer amount of time on the test and they blow up the font for me on my work. I soak up my surrounding at TJC, every day I go out and mingle with fellow students, because although I have my vision partially back, the doctors tell me that by the age of 21, I am expected to be completely blind. So I live every day to the fullest."

In order to save Crawford from being completely blind, an LP Shunt surgery is needed. Since she does not have insurance, she is in the process of trying to get SSI (Social Security Income), which will cover the surgery.

"It's so hard. I have to go to all these doctors so that it can be proven that my condition is real. But you can't blame anyone for that. If I don't get the surgery, I know I will still be okay. What I want people to know, is that life should not be taken for granted. Anything can happen. I also want people to know, just because something isn't going right, stay prayed up and keep it moving. No pity party. Cope with it and do it on your own. Just because somebody might tell you on thing that could potentially keep you down, God has his own plan."



APRIL CRAWFORD After being told she would be permanently blind, Crawford is now saving for an LP Shunt Surgery.

DISABILITY

Disability.gov
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GRADUATE

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to come back in another two years anyway," Alex said. "My brother and I were already really well adjusted in Lindale and had made a lot of friends...It was really hard being without dad. We only saw him once every three months if we were lucky, but he has more than made up for the time lost and now he never misses anything my brother or myself do."

Seeing that her father had the dedication to go back to school and graduate with a degree makes Alex very proud of him.

"Don't get me wrong," Kevin said "I know they are proud of my previous accomplishments, being in the Marines and serving my country but, something just told me it was something I should do." [Going back to school]

"I am immensely proud of my father," Alex said. "Most kids never make it past high school and I can't think of many adults who would take the time to go back. He is amazing in my eyes and my hero."

INTIMATE

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surprised not only because it was a rare situation; but, he was also surprised because they were doing it in daylight. He did not report the incident.

"Students make dangerous and sometimes illegal decisions because of the adrenaline the risk produces even when they are stupid decisions," said Sorensen.

According to Tyler Junior College reports, on March 26, an officer arrived to Ornelas Residential dorm A. The officer found a TJC male student at the women's dorms around 12 a.m. when the visiting hours are over in every dorm in campus. He was seen in the women's dorms after hours in three reported occasions. The night before, March 25, he was found by authorities and was warned to leave. Officers reported that one of these nights he was found in the Ornelas residential dorm A wearing his pants below his buttocks with his underwear exposed. He was hesitant to show student identification and in a couple of occasions he did it with a bad attitude.

"This year we have not confirmed any incidents in the dorms involving sexual relations, and we realized the majority know the rules and know how to behave," said Nunez

One of the most frequent police reports received by campus safety is regarding visits when the visiting hours are over. More than 20 police reports. The majority of the reports involve residents allowing visitors of the opposite sex in the dorms when some of them are not students.

"Many students with an active sexual life, without even knowing can be transmitting a sexual transmitted diseases and pass it to the next person without even knowing because they have not experience any symptoms," said Stephanie Eijssink, ETMC Physician in campus at TJC .

Sixty-three percent of all sexually transmitted diseases occur among people under 25 years old or college-age people. Among all sexually transmitted disease, AIDS is the leading killer of Americans between the ages of 25 and 44, according to the Web site leader.com.

For more information, contact Tyler Junior College Campus Safety Department at (903) 510-2258. For more sexual education or information, contact Tyler Junior College Campus Clinic at (903) 510-3862.

Spring 2010 Final Exam Schedule

Classes Starting	Exam Date	Exam Time
8:00 a.m., MWF	Monday, May 3	8:00-9:50 a.m.
10:00 a.m., MWF	Monday, May 3	10:00-11:50 a.m.
12:00 p.m., MWF	Monday, May 3	12:00-1:50 p.m.
2 p.m., MWF & 2:25 p.m., MW	Monday, May 3	2:00-3:50 p.m.
7:00 a.m., TR	Tuesday, May 4	7:00-8:50 a.m.
9:50 a.m., TR	Tuesday, May 4	9:50-11:40 a.m.
12:40 & 1:00 p.m., TR	Tuesday, May 4	12:40-2:30 p.m.
3, 3:30 & 3:50 p.m., TR	Tuesday, May 4	3:00-4:50 p.m.
7:00 a.m., MWF	Wednesday, May 5	7:00-8:50 a.m.
9:00 a.m., MWF	Wednesday, May 5	9:00-10:50 a.m.
11:00 a.m., MWF	Wednesday, May 5	11:00 a.m.-12:50 p.m.
1 p.m., MWF & 1 p.m., MW	Wednesday, May 5	1:00-2:50 p.m.
3:00 & 3:50 p.m., MW	Wednesday, May 5	3:00-4:50 p.m.
8:25 a.m., TR	Thursday, May 6	8:25-10:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m., TR	Thursday, May 6	11:15 a.m.-1:05 p.m.
2:05 p.m., TR	Thursday, May 6	2:05-3:55 p.m.
Evening Classes		
5:35 & 6:00 p.m., M	Monday, May 3	5:35-7:25 p.m.
7:00 p.m., M	Monday, May 3	7:35-9:25 p.m.
5:35 & 6:00 p.m., T & TR	Tuesday, May 4	5:35-7:25 p.m.
7:00 p.m., T & TR	Tuesday, May 4	7:35-9:25 p.m.
5:35 & 6:00 p.m., MW	Wednesday, May 5	5:35-7:25 p.m.
7:00 p.m., W & MW	Wednesday, May 5	7:35-9:25 p.m.
5:35 & 6:00 p.m., R	Thursday, May 6	5:35-7:25 p.m.
7 p.m., R & 8:25 p.m., TR	Thursday, May 6	7:35-9:25 p.m.
All weekend class exams will be during regularly scheduled class times.		

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career and dream of following in his brother's footsteps.

With one recruit for next season down, Marquis needs many more and has numerous prospects.

"I've been looking many places for more recruits. I have some that are local and others that are out of state," said Marquis. "We're going to spend more time looking to make sure we get the players that are best for the team."

The Apaches have four returning players and one is Marquis' son, Mitch. Mitch became a great addition for the team this season as their point guard.

"I know that from what I learned since I've been here that our new players will learn just as much and we'll have no problem next season," said Mitch.



Although the sophomores will not be on the team next season, they too play a major part in helping Marquis recruit players.

"We help by going to spend time with the prospects and their family and let them know why TJC will be a great program for them," said sophomore guard Brad Gay.

Assistant Coach Tom Coverdale, who will be in his second season at TJC next year also knows how important recruiting is.

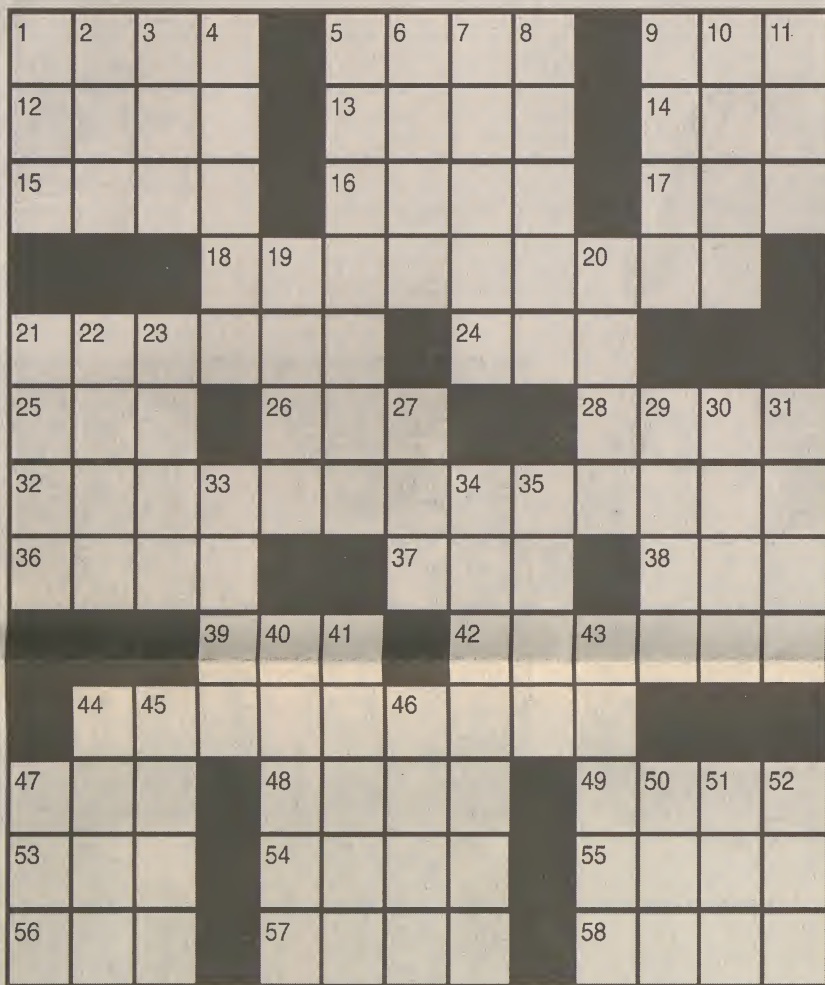
"Recruiting is a very big deal. If we didn't spend time recruiting and getting to know our prospects, we wouldn't know what to expect for the next season," said Coverdale.

The Apaches have until the fall semester begins to get all their recruits and the roster complete. Marquis has plenty of work to do and decisions to make until then, but he knows in the end he will have a team ready to represent TJC.

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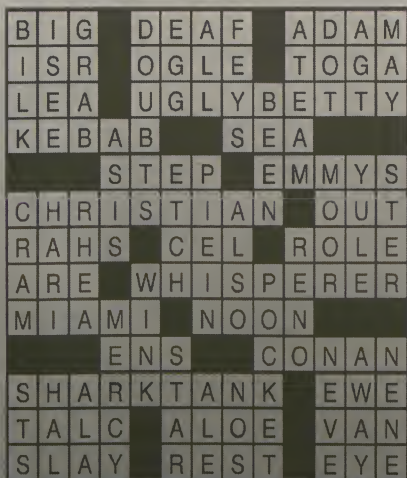
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- 6 ___ Epps
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- 33 "The ___ to Bountiful"; film for Geraldine Page
- 34 Potter's title on "M*A*S*H"
- 35 Highest cards
- 40 "Suddenly ___"
- 41 "There ___ atheists in foxholes"
- 43 "Las ___"
- 44 "___ the Lonely"; Roy Orbison hit
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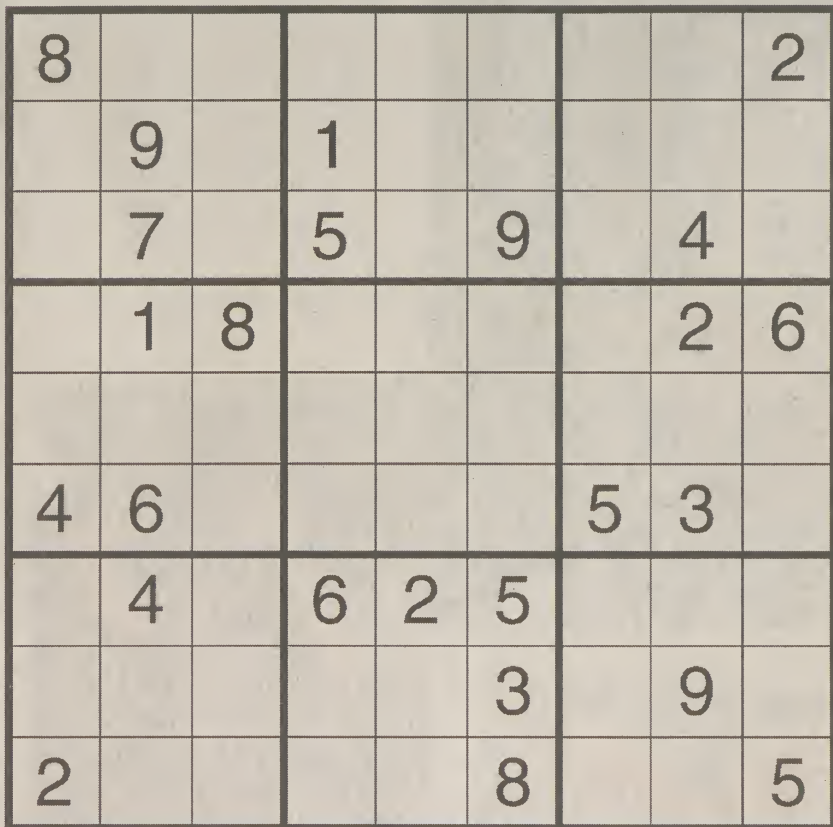
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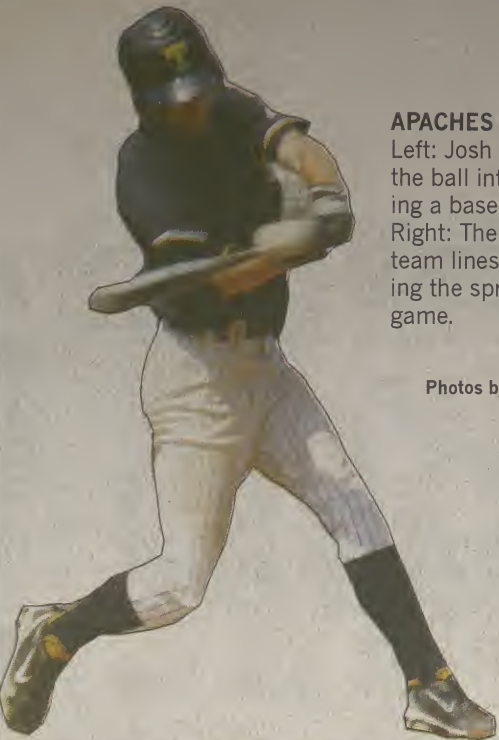
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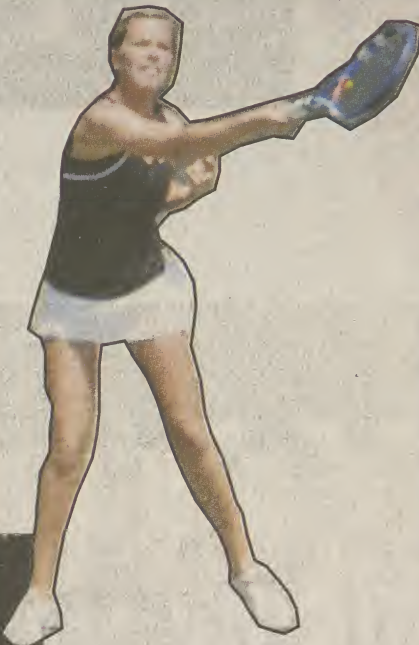
APACHES IN ACTION
Left: Josh Bates puts the ball into play during a baseball game. Right: The football team lines up during the spring fling game.

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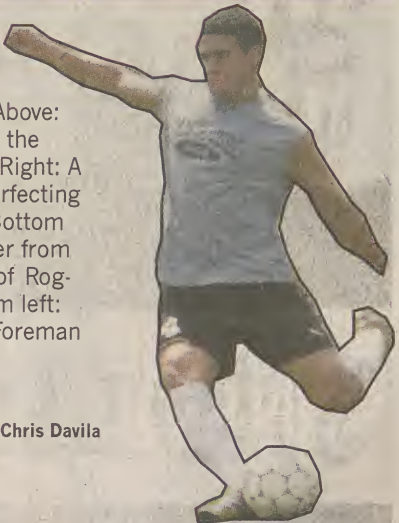
PERFORMING AND PERFECTING Left: Brian Carrion, lead signer for The Crisis, plays guitar during the spring concert in Wise Auditorium. Bottom left: A butterfly painting hangs in Wise Art Gallery. Below: Dominic "Legacy" Thomas from New Boyz raps during one of their songs. Right: A TJC tennis player practices for an upcoming match.

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SINGING AND PLAYING Above: Latika Smith tries to steal the ball from the other team. Right: A soccer player works on perfecting his kick during practice. Bottom right: Chris, the lead singer from Ember, performs outside of Rogers Student Center. Bottom left: Switchfoot frontman Jon Foreman sings Dare You To Move.

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SPRAY PAINTING ART Left: TJC freshman Gemini Garza paints outside of Jenkins

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SEMESTER REFLECTIONS



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SMILING FOR THE CAMERA Above: Belles perform in the middle of their spring show. Bottom right: Police officers attend the MADD event during Spring Break awareness week. Below: Austin Witherspoon gives his speech to entertain. Bottom left: The forensics team displays their many awards. Far left: A TJC student climbs a rock wall. Left: Ronald Fogle plays hacky sack between classes.

